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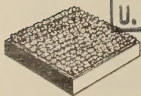
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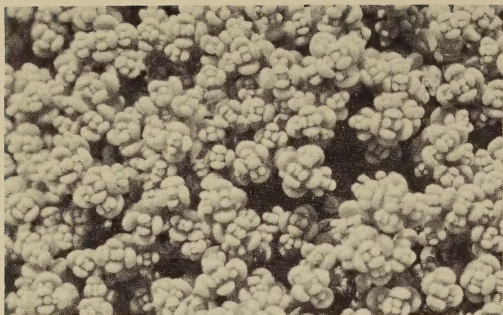
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SEDUM DASYPHYLLUM

AJUGA reptans—"Carpet Bugle"

Creeping, dark green leaves, showy spring bloom of blue flowers. Should be mowed, after bloom. Best in shade, but thrives in sun if watered thoroughly. Some traffic. Plant 6"-12" apart. Grows 2"-3" in sun, 3"-4" in shade. Hardy.

AJUGA reptans atropurpurea—"Bronze Ajuga"

Has bronze leaves, blue flowers. Splendid for contrast. Minimum traffic. Plant 6"-12" apart. Grows 2"-3" in sun, 3"-4" in shade. Hardy.

AJUGA crispa—"Giant Ajuga"

Leaves have a metallic quality, are larger than Ajuga reptans, more vigorous, firm and edges more crispy, blue flowers. Green in the shade and more bronze in the sun. Some traffic. Plant 12"-18" apart. Grows 6" in sun, 6"-9" in shade. Hardy.

AJUGA crispa hybrid—"Jungle Ajuga"

Larger leaves than any other Ajugas although rounded, are of a thick crisp structure. Plant grows clumpy and taller than other Ajugas. Blue flowers. Plant 12"-18" apart. Sun or partial shade. Hardy.

ALTERNANTHERA—"Telanthera"

Low foliage plant 6" to 8". Excellent for colorful border or bedding. Two colors—green blotched with orange and red or olive green blotched with yellow. Sun. No traffic, tender. Plant 4" to 6" apart.

ARMERIA vulgaris—"Sea Pink"

Grows in grassy clumps forming a thick mat. Pink flowers in spring, prefers a well-drained soil, good along the coast, full sun. Minimum traffic. Plant 6"-12" apart. Grows 3"-6" high. Very hardy.

ARENARIA verna caespitosa—"Irish Moss"

Compact moss-like foliage—needs more moisture than lawn, gets lumpy if crowded. Good between stepping stones and in rockeries. Takes some traffic. Plant 6" apart. Prefers partial shade, but will take sun if enough moisture is supplied. Grows 3"-4" high. Takes frost.

ARENARIA balearica

Small rounded leaf $\frac{1}{8}$ " across. A low carpet to 3". Partial shade. Hardy in Southern California. Likes heavy watering in well-drained soil.

DICHONDRA repens

Good lawn substitute. Leaves $\frac{1}{2}$ " or less across, grows 1" to 3". Some traffic.

CAMPANULA garganica

A very attractive low-growing (3"-6") ground cover for that sun or semi-shade garden, or for use between stepping stones in those areas. The blue, star shaped flowers cover the plants in summer and fall, thus creating something cool in the heat of the summer. No traffic. Plant 6"-12" apart. Hardy.

CAMPANULA porscharskyana— "Serbian Bellflower"

Tufted, but more spreading than *garganica*. More informal growth, with lavender bloom. Effective filler in shade, in rock garden or in shade garden. No traffic, plant 6"-12" apart. Grows 4"-6" high. Hardy.

FESTUCA ovina glauca—"Blue Fescue"

A blue, very ornamental grass, growing in tufts 6"-10" high. Will not take wet, poorly drained soil. Sun, good for contrast. No traffic, plant 6"-12" apart. Ideally used in contemporary plantings. Very hardy.

FRAGARIA chiloensis—"Wild Strawberry"

Low, compact, lush evergreen mat of thick glossy dark green strawberry leaves with rapid spreading rooting runners. Large 1" white flowers in spring make a nice carpet. Grows to 6"-8" high, but will form a thicker mat if mowed in early spring. Do not use in extremely hot areas. Needs regular watering to look attractive. Iron sulphate applications counteract yellow leaves that sometimes appear in late summer. Some traffic. Plant 12"-14" apart. Sun on coast, part shade inland. Very hardy.

HYBRID ORNAMENTAL STRAWBERRY #25

A new introduction, developed and tested in Southern California. This is a more vigorous plant, larger in all its parts than *FRAGARIA chiloensis*, and in addition produces dessert quality fruit for the home. It is well adaptable to most soils, but sandy loam seems best. The fruit is a little too soft and fragile for packing or shipping, but makes delicious eating. The growth not only being vigorous, is very luxuriant and rapid growing. Spacing for planting is best at 18"-24", apart, covers an area very quickly. No traffic. Sun, part shade in desert areas. Grows 8"-12" high. Cut back once per year and thin for more berries. Very hardy.

GAZANIA (splendens) (aurantiacum) "South African Daisy"

A permanent bedding or border plant. Makes a fine low mat of grey green foliage out of which extend colorful daisy-like flowers which are available in yellow, white, and orange. No traffic, plant 12" apart. Adaptable to dry soil conditions. Grows 8"-12" high. Half hardy.



LANTANA SELLOWIANA



LIPPIA CANESCANS

GAZANIA—"Copper King"

Immense bronze red flowers and grey green foliage make this prolific blooming plant an ideal border or bedding plant. Most colorful of all gazanias. Sun. No traffic, plant 12" apart. Grows 8"-12" high. Half hardy.

HEDERA helix Hahnii—"Hahns Ivy"

Ideally used where ground patterns are desired. Forms a softer effect than the species and can be confined more readily. No traffic. Can be planted 12"-24" apart. Needs shade in hotter areas, can take more sun in coastal areas. Grows 8"-12" high. Very hardy.

HEDERA helix—"Needle Point"

A much smaller leafed form of Hahns Ivy. With pointed leaves and a more miniature growth. Ideal for that small shade or semi-shaded area where your area is limited. No traffic, plant 12"-18" apart. Grows 8" high. Window boxes. Very hardy.

HEDERA helix—"English Ivy"

Ideal for covering large areas, or large borders. Once established covers rapidly. With sun ample moisture needed, shade ideal. Dark green leaves. Very hardy in our areas. No traffic. Plant 12"-24" apart. Grows 12" high. Very hardy.

HEDERA canariensis—"Algerian Ivy"

Large bright glossy green 6" leaves widely spaced on the stem. Prefers sun and heat. Once established grows rapidly. No traffic. Plant 15"-18" apart. Grows 12"-15" high. Very hardy.

HEDERA canariensis variagata "Variegated Algerian Ivy"

Has leaves edged with yellowish white. This type seems to prefer a little more shade in the hotter areas. No traffic. Plant 15"-18" apart. Grows 12"-15" high.

HELEXINE soleirolii—"Baby Tears"

A light green mossy mat in shade and moisture. Will not tolerate hot sun. Is a cool luxuriant cover among ferns and other shade plants. No traffic. Plant 12"-15" apart. Grows 3"-6" high. Tender.

HYPERICUM calycinum—"Aarons Beard"

Has a strong invasive root system which spreads by underground runners, very strong in the sun, but more controlled in the shade. Very good for steep banks. Yellow flowers in summer. No traffic, plant 12"-15" apart. Grows 12"-15" high. Hardy.

ANNUALS and PERENNIALS

Useful in Groundcover or Border Plantings

Alyssum Saxatile—(yellow) sun, 6"-9" high.
Coral Bells (Heuchera)—semi-shade, 6"-9" high.
English Daisy (Bellis)—sun, 6"-9" high.
Golden Feather—(yellow foliage) sun, 8"-12" high.
Iberis Sempervirens—(white) sun, 6"-9" high.
Lobelia—(blue) sun, 6"-8" high.
Violets—shade, sun, 8"-12" high.

ADDITIONAL GROUND COVERS for Special Effects

Asparagus Sprengeri—Yellow green fern foliage—12"-18" high, sun, shade.
Euonymus Radicans—Green and fall colored foliage—12"-18" high, sun.
Nepeta hederacea—Green, low 2"-3", turf cover, sun.
Santolina Chamaecyparissus—Grey foliage, drought resistant—15"-20".
Saxifraga tomentosum—Varicolored leaf—6"-12" high, shade.

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SNOW IN SUMMER (*Cerastium tomentosum*)

KLEINIA repens

A very striking blue-green succulent. Grows to 12". Leaves cylindrical, 1½" long, 1/3" wide, are alternate on woody stems. Full sun or partial shade. Plant 12" apart.

LANTANA montevidensis sellowiana **"Trailing Lantana"**

Trailing, prostrate, rapid growing, free blooming with lavender flowers during the warm parts of the year. Ideal bank cover. Sun loving, prefers some moisture. No traffic. Plant 18"-24" apart. Grows 18"-24" high. Half hardy.

LIPPIA canescans repens

Forms a creeping flat mat, with grey green foliage. Tolerates extreme sun and heat. Is as tough in sun as Ivy is in the shade. Flowers are clustered in small, dense cushiony, one-half inch heads. Does need yearly top dressing of rich soil or humus to look its best. Ideal under clothes lines, in parkways. Bees are attracted so may not be too useful in play yards. Will take considerable traffic, Plant 12"-15" apart. Grows 1" high in sun, 3"-6" in shade. Hardy.

LONICERA japonica halliana **"Japanese Honeysuckle"**

Hardy, vigorous, must have large areas to grow in. Grows in any soil, full sun. White flowers change to yellow. No traffic, plant 24" apart. Grows 18"-24" high. Hardy.

LOTUS bertholetti—"Parrots Beak"

A trailing plant of feathery thread-like foliage in silvery sprays. The scarlet to crimson flowers make a delightful show. Needs full sun, good drainage. No traffic. Plant 2-3 feet apart. Grows 18"-24" high. Half hardy. Illustrated on front cover.

MESEMBRYANTHEMUM—"Ice Plant"

A group of adaptable plants grown for soil erosion control and for their color effects. Will thrive in sterile soils. They are sun-loving, heat and drought tolerant. No traffic, full sun. Plant trailing types 12"-18" apart. Grows to 6"-15" high. Plant non-trailing about 12" apart. Grows 12"-18" high. Half hardy.

Orange, Yellow, White.
Red turning to shades of orange.

Crimson, Rose and Copper.
Light shell pink to dark rose.
Red, Purple, Lavender.

PELARGONIUM peltatum—"Ivy Geranium"

Trailing plants, ideal for slope use or on level ground. Bloom of white, pink, rose, red, lavender give wonderful color and do not require too much moisture. Seem to thrive in most soils. No traffic. Plant 15"-18" apart.



GIANT AJUGA (See page 2)

OPHIOPOGON japonicum—"Mondo Grass"

An excellent sod-forming plant. Evergreen. Stemless, grass-like foliage to 10". Culture is simple in sun or in shade. Grows and spreads quickest in light, moist soil, although it will also grow in heavy soil. Very hardy. Plant 6" to 8" apart. Plantings improve in appearance as they grow older. Very low maintenance. May be used as a border or ground cover in large or small areas. Some traffic.

POLYGONUM capitatum
"Pink Clover Blossom"

Attractive bronze-green foliage, with masses of pink flowers on this trailing plant. Grows 6" to 8" high. Blossoms most of the time. Very tender to frost. Makes vigorous growth with adequate water during warm weather. Makes good ground cover, rooting along as runners spread. Plant 12" apart. No traffic. Illustrated on page 7.

ROSMARINUS officinalis prostratus lockwoodi
"Dwarf Rosemary"

Light blue flowers in April and May. Full sun and good drainage. Good on banks for draped effect. Use with Snow in Summer for contrast. No traffic, plant 2 feet apart. Spreads 4-8 feet and stays under 24" high. Hardy to frost.

SEDUM—"Stonecrop"
SEDUM brevifolium—"Green Stonecrop"

Makes a bright green carpet, covered in spring with heads of white and pink flowers. Needs good drainage and not too much water. Will burn in extremely hot dry places. No traffic. Plant 6"-12" apart. Grows 2"-3" high. Half hardy.

SEDUM altissimum

A bushy dense-growing cover to 16". Used in group planting for contrasting foliage effect. Blue-grey in color. Plant 10" to 12" apart. No traffic.

SEDUM confusum

Excellent for either border or slope planting. Grows to 12". Evergreen foliage, yellow flowers. Plant 12" apart. No traffic.

SEDUM dasyphyllum—"Gray Stonecrop"

Grows in low tufts, mat forming. 2" high with a soft blue color that is simple, but striking. No traffic, plant 6"-12" apart. Half hardy.

SEDUM guatemalense

Procumbent rooting at joints, leaves cylindrical. A bronzed red in color. 6" to 8" tall. No traffic. Plant 10" to 12" apart.

SEDUM moranense

Compact low-growing evergreen to 3". Reddish tinge appears on plants exposed to severe weather. White flowers. Plant 8" apart. Hardy, some traffic.

SEDUM oaxacanum

A creeping variety with yellow flowers, green foliage. Quite hardy. Tolerates poor soil. No traffic.

SEDUM sarmentosum

Green, attractive trailing type. Blossoms are yellow. Very good for large area. Very colorful. Plant 12" apart. No traffic.

"Snow-in-Summer"

CERASTIUM tomentosum

Prostrate perennial with soft, white grey foliage. White bloom period extends late spring into summer. Sun loving, drought resistant, thrives with little care. For good contrast use it next to dark green cover. No traffic. Plant 18"-24" apart. Grows best in sun. Grows 4"-6" high. Trim at least once per year. Takes frost.

"St. Augustine Grass"

STENOTAPHRUM secundatum

Similar to Bermuda grass, but more coarse in texture. A more vivid green, more easily confined. Ideal where excessive traffic is used, such as playyards or playgrounds, dog pens, clothes lines. Best in sun or part shade. Plant by root cuttings or by plugs, 12"-15" apart. Forms a mat 6" thick when mowed. Hardy.

THYMUS serpyllum—"Mother of Thyme"

A creeping plant, grows to 4" and with lavender-blue flower spikes 3" above the solid carpet of green. Blooms over a long period during spring and summer. A very aromatic little herb. Very hardy. Plant 10" apart. Some traffic.



POLYGONUM CAPITATUM



HYBRID ORNAMENTAL STRAWBERRY No. 25 (See page 3)

VERBENA

VERBENA peruviana—"Peruvian Verbena"

Low-growing type of verbena. A very strong grower during warm season. Flowers are bright crimson. Plant grows 4" to 6" high. Plant 18" apart in full sun. No traffic.

VERBENA maenetti—"Italian Verbena"

A vigorous, hardy grower. Very attractive little star flowers form in large clusters, each flower has a white star in center with a rosy-red narrow border around it. Likes well-drained soil in full sun. Plant 15" apart. No traffic.

OXFORD verbena

Its large showy flowers and flower clusters make it King of all the Verbenas. Is available in several colors; scarlet crimson, rose-pink, lavender and blue. Makes excellent wide borders lasting for years. Needs some trimming in the early fall to keep looking its best.

VERONICA pectinata

A soft, almost white foliage, lends itself as a very worth-while ground cover. Has small deep blue flowers. Does best if planted in full sun. Water lightly unless perfect drainage is provided. Very hardy, both to heat and to cold. Plant 12" apart, grows as a solid carpet about 4" deep.

VINCA major—"Periwinkle"

Glossy medium green foliage, oval leaves, lavender-blue 1" flowers on a trailing plant. Allow plenty of room for vigorous growth. Blooms in early spring. No traffic, plant 2 feet apart. Sun or shade. Grows to 2 feet high. Very hardy.

VINCA minor—"Dwarf running myrtle"

Very good for large areas. Grows close enough to keep weeds down. Blue flowers in early spring and again in the fall. If clipped, keeps a more even growth. Will take light traffic. Plant 12"-18" apart. Sun or shade. Will take a considerable variation in conditions. Grows to 6"-12" thick. Very hardy.

ZOYSIA tenuifolia—"Korean Grass"

Forms a dark green mat in sun or shade, little water and no mowing. Will take some traffic, but make better inter plants between stepping stone and for patio effects. Plant 6"-12" apart. Grows 3"-6" high. Hardy.